

ELCA FOUNDATION REPORT FOR SYNOD ASSEMBLY | 2016

2016 By the Numbers

Total of New Central PA Congregation
Endowments invested in Pooled Trust
\$631,204

New Endowments by Synod
Lower Susquehanna Synod: 5
Allegheny Synod: 3

Number of Central PA Pooled Trust
Presentations: 11

Total Investments in ELCA Foundation
Pooled Trust-Fund A: \$632,951,896



Total Central PA Committed Planned
Gifts to ELCA Ministries: \$7,066,250

Bequests by Beneficiary Category
PA Congregations: 10
Central PA ministry Partners: 19
ELCA Churchwide Ministries: 7
Other Pan-Lutheran or Secular
charities: 10

Memorial Endowments Established: 2

Number of Central PA Legacy
Presentations: 32

Total Committed bequests through the
ELCA Foundation in 2016:
\$55,000,000

Central PA Gift Planner

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Dear Central PA Lutherans,

Thank you for a fruitful year of long-term financial planning for the ministries of Central PA. Thoughtful consideration of the future of funding for ministry will result in the Lutheran voice of God's grace and love being shared for many years to come.

In 2016, Lutherans of our territory committed \$7,066,250 as planned gifts for the ministries of the church. This is the highest across the country.

The generosity of the Lutherans of Central PA is touching. Your stories of your ministries and hopes for the future of the church shine in your gifts. In every case, these gifts reflect earnest people who love God and see God at work wherever our congregations, local agencies and institutions, and churchwide ministries can be found.

Moreover, congregations continue to demonstrate the benefit of pooling together investment assets to provide ongoing funds to support ministry. Eight congregations of Central PA opened new accounts in the Pooled Trust-Fund A. Additionally, two families opened and funded Memorial Endowment Funds. One fund will support ongoing Youth Ministry in the Lower Susquehanna Synod and another will provide for social ministries in Spry and the York area.

The position of the ELCA Gift Planner in Central PA is provided through a partnership of the ELCA Foundation with the following:

- ✿ Allegheny Synod
- ✿ Lower Susquehanna Synod
- ✿ Upper Susquehanna Synod
- ✿ Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries
- ✿ Diakon
- ✿ Luthercare
- ✿ SpiriTrust Lutheran
- ✿ Mount Luther
- ✿ Lutheran Camping Corporation
- ✿ Sequanota Conference and Retreat Center
- ✿ Lutheran Campus Ministry at Penn State
- ✿ United Lutheran Seminary
- ✿ Gettysburg College
- ✿ Susquehanna University

Every day brings new adventures, and new opportunities to celebrate God's generosity. I look forward to continuing the work of sharing these and other gifting opportunities with you!

For sanity in stewardship,

Pastor Liz Polanzke, Central PA Gift Planner